

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of : **GENOVESE, J., et al**

Serial Number : Not yet assigned  
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Docket Number : DAM 582-02  
Title : Sample Heater Assembly and Method of Use Thereof

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment and it is offered to advance the prosecution of the case. It is requested that the amendment be entered.

Please amend the above-described application as set forth below:

**In the Specification**


On page 1, as the first sentence of the specification, insert

**--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application claims the benefit of priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/407,358, filed on August 29, 2002--.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date

  
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